self-employment to housewives; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider to make it a national programme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

पान के पत्तों का उत्पादन

1277. **श्री अजीत पी०के० जोगी :**
श्री मूल चन्द मीणा :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में किन-किन स्थानों पर पान के पत्तों की खेती की जाती है; और

(ख) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान पान के पत्तों का राज्यवार उत्पादन कितना था ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) देश के निम्नलिखित राज्यों में पान के पत्तों की खेती की जाती है : कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु, उड़ीसा, बिहार, केरल, पश्चिम बंगाल, आंध्र प्रदेश, असम, अरूणाचल प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, मिजोरम, नागालैंड, त्रिपुरा, पांडिचेरी और उत्तर प्रदेश ।

(ख) देश में पान के पत्तों के उत्पादन के सरकारी अनुमान उपलब्ध नहीं हैं ।

Constitution of Small Farmers Consortium

1278. SHRI J.S. RAJU :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to constitute Small Farmers Consortium;

(b) if so, what are its aims and objectives;

(c) by when it is expected to be operational; and

(d) who will be the members of this consortium ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The aims and objectives and details of structure of the proposed Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium are being worked out.

NDDB'S Market Intervention Operations

1279. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Economic times dated 7-4-93 to the effect that the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy (ECOP) has recommended foreclosing of the NDDB's market intervention operations on 31-3-93 one year ahead of schedule;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to put at rest the controversy over the NDDB's claim for import of 1.5 lakh tonnes of oil purported to have been guaranteed by the Centre in the MIO guidelines and also go by the ECOP's recommendations in regard to reimbursement of losses to NDDB; and